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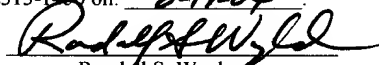
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Applicant : Jean-Philippe J. de Sandro  
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING STRESS  
BETWEEN DEPOSITIONS WITHIN A SUBSTRATE TUBE

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.